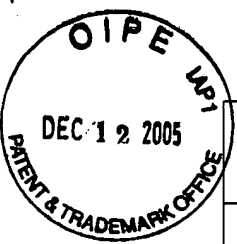


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Attorney Docket PA0568-US/11269.65
Application Serial Number:	Filing Date:	Examiner:	Group Art Unit:
10/767,628	01/28/2004	Kevin Gutierrez	2851

Invention: STAGE ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A REACTION ASSEMBLY HAVING A CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENT AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	55	MINUS	50	5	\$50	\$250
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	3	1	\$200	\$200

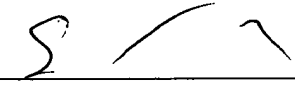
— Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of October 14, 2005 to and through December 14, 2005, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

- one month (\$120) — three months (\$1020)
X two months (\$450) — four months (\$1590)


TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT	\$900
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- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established.
- A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449A/PTO (modified), cited reference, and a check in the amount of \$180.00 are enclosed herewith.
- X The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1141, pertaining to 1) any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims; 2) any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- X Any additional extension of time required for the timely submission of this paper, the fees for which have not been previously paid, is hereby petitioned for and requested.

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Filed: January 28, 2004) 2851
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 14, 2005. This Amendment and Response is timely filed because a two-month extension of time has been paid for and requested. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as set forth below:

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